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IT... IT'S THEM!
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TH... THEIR NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED ! THEY MUST'VE MET UP WITH THEIR MAIN GROUP...

HE... HE'S THEIR LEADER!

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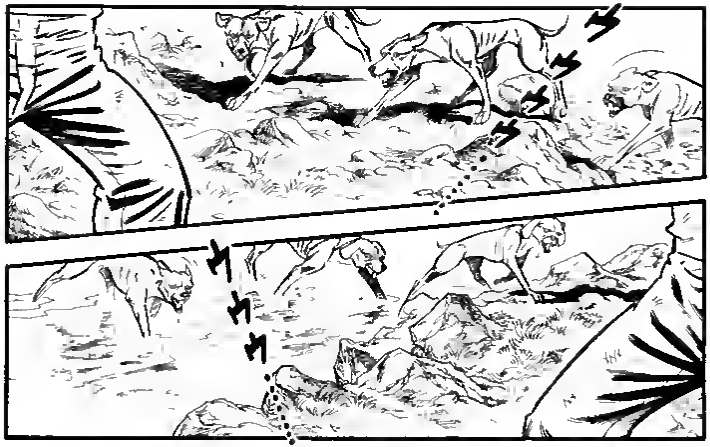

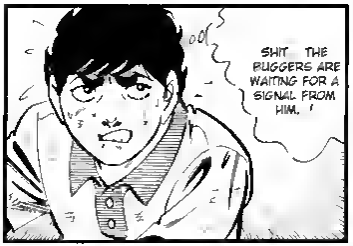
SHIT THE BUGGERS ARE WAITING FOR A SIGNAL FROM HIM.

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THE WILD DOGS COULD RECALL THE TERROR OF THE BOY'S PICK... HE WAS DIFFERENT TO THE ANIMALS THEY HAD FOUGHT TILL NOW AND THEY WERE WARY OF ATTACKING ONE WITH SUCH A STRONG WEAPON...

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HOWEVER, UNKNOWING OF THE PICK'S TERROR, SEVERAL ANIMALS ASSAULTED THE BOY.
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I... I WON'T END UP AS FOOD FOR YOU LOT WITHOUT A FIGHT!
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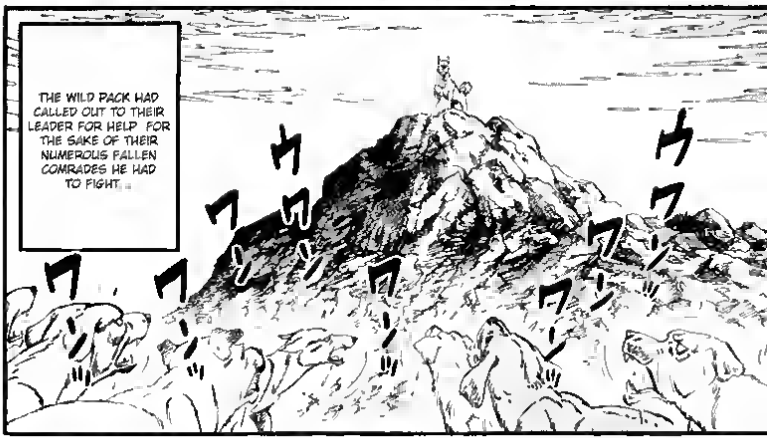
THE WILD PACK HAD CALLED OUT TO THEIR LEADER FOR HELP. FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR NUMEROUS FALLEN COMRADES HE HAD TO FIGHT...
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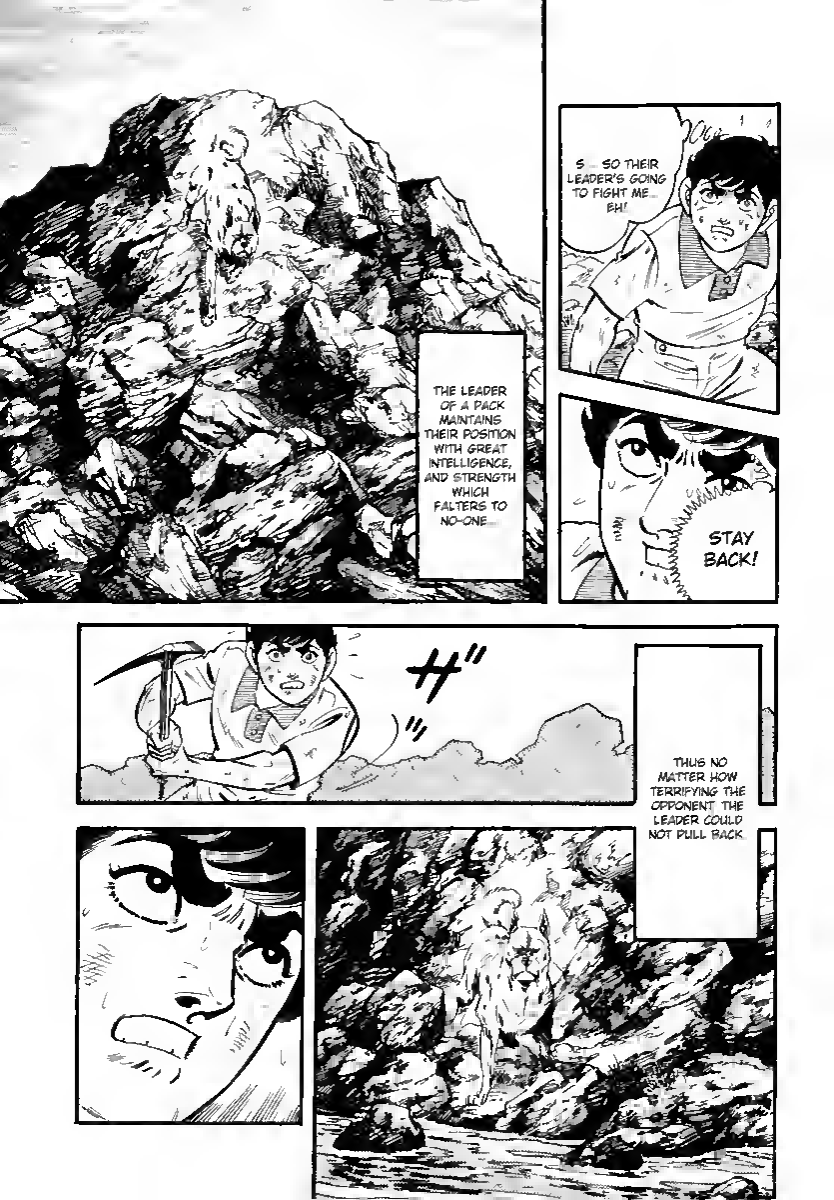
THE LEADER OF A PACK MAINTAINS THEIR POSITION WITH GREAT INTELLIGENCE, AND STRENGTH WHICH FALTERS TO NO-ONE...
S... SO THEIR LEADER'S GOING TO FIGHT ME... EH!
STAY BACK!
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THUS NO MATTER HOW TERRIFYING THE OPPONENT THE LEADER COULD NOT PULL BACK.

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SO YOU WANNA GO?!

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HE'S NO ORDINARY DOG...!
I... IT'S NO GOOD. THIS ONE'S DIFFERENT!
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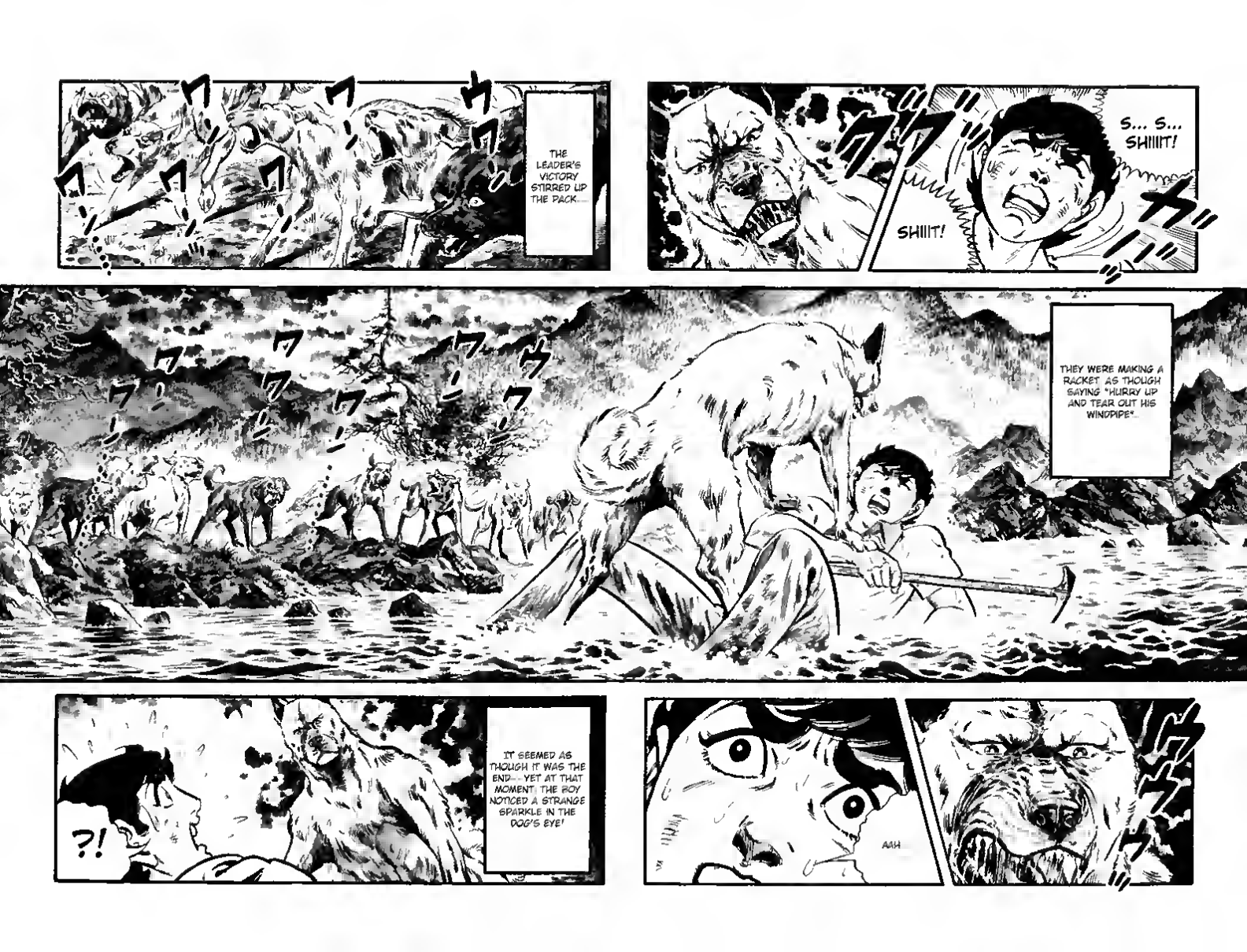
THE LEADER'S VICTORY STIRRED UP THE PACK...
S... S... SHIIIIT!
SHIIIT!
THEY WERE MAKING A RACKET AS THOUGH SAYING "HURRY UP AND TEAR OUT HIS WINDPIPE".
IT SEEMED AS THOUGH IT WAS THE END— YET AT THAT MOMENT, THE BOY NOTICED A STRANGE SPARKLE IN THE DOG'S EYE!
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THE FIGHTING SPIRIT PRESENT IN THE DOG'S EYES HAD VANISHED
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ALL AT ONCE THE PACK LET OUT THEIR DISSATISFIED HOWLS. THEY WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THEIR LEADERS' STRANGE BEHAVIOUR...

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THE LEADER'S ORDERS WERE ABSOLUTE... EVEN IF THEY HAD EXPRESSED DISATISFACTION, THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY...

WH... WHAT'S GOING ON...?!

TH... THAT GAZE?!

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SHIRO...
AS THE LEADER LOOKED BEHIND HIM, THE BOY NOTICED A FAMILIAR GLINT IN HIS EYES.
IT'S SHIRO! TH... THAT GAZE, IT'S SHIRO!

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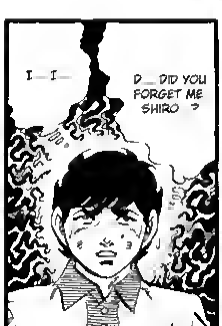
IT... IT'S SHIRO! SHIROOO!
SHIROOO!
THE DOG WHICH NOW STOOD BEFORE HIM WAS ENTIRELY GROWN UP. UNLIKE THE DOG HE HAD SET OUT TO LOOK FOR...!
THE BOY WOULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THAT HIS CUTE PUPPY WOULD END UP LIKE THIS. YET WITH HIS ANIMOSITY GONE, THE DOG CERTAINLY RESEMBLED SHIRO.
SHIROOO!
WAIT, SHIROOO!
SHIROOO!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D_ DID YOU FORGET ME SHIRO ?

YEAH, THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD'VE BEEN...!
MAYBE IT WASN'T SHIRO THOUGH... SHIRO WOULD NEVER HAVE FORGOTTEN ME...!
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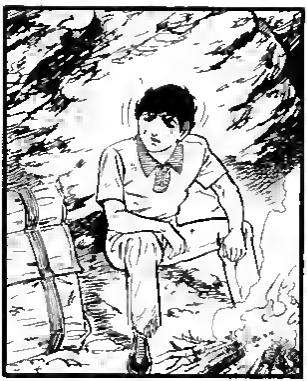
HIS BODY MIGHT'VE CHANGED, BUT THE GAZE... THAT WAS SHIRO'S GAZE!
NO, THAT WAS DEFINITELY SHIRO!



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SH... SHIRO'S NOT WITH THEM...!
SPEAKING OF WHICH... ISN'T HE THEIR LEADER, SHOULDN'T THEY BE FOLLOWING HIM?!
I GUESS THEY'RE AFTER ME AGAIN!
D DAMN IT!